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September 21st, 1915

Lt.-Colonel C. H. Mitchell,  
Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Dear Colonel Mitchell:

Many thanks for your letter, most interesting, most vivid, and bringing home to us the war in a real way. I read it aloud to the family; and those photographs also of yours were most interesting. The photographs show the reality of the struggle as even words do not.

I hope that you are still keeping physically fit and that the heavy strain is not telling upon you. I was over at Niagara last Saturday and saw the recruits being instructed in trench warfare. It brought to my mind with great vividness the experiences through which our people must be going in Flanders. The training seemed to me to be very thorough, and by the time these men get to the front they ought to know what to do. Colonel Lang has been busy all summer instructing officers, and I understand that the school is now to be transferred to Toronto. Quite a number of our staff have finished their courses with a view to being better able to undertake the work of the U.T.C. at the University this winter.

We cannot tell how the attendance is to be yet, though in Applied Science Mr. Laing calculates that it will not be more than 350 men. Already we have fully 1200 of our staff, graduates and undergraduates at the front on active service. In some departments it is difficult to carry the work on shorthanded as we are. There is, however, on the part of everybody a desire to make the best of the situation. We are doing nothing as compared with what you are doing at the front.

Recruiting seems to be going pretty well. Meetings are being held throughout the country directed chiefly through a committee that has its headquarters up at the University. They have secured not only a great many recruits, but have raised a lot of money for the Patriotic Fund.

I am sending you a copy of a book which I published this summer, consisting chiefly of lectures given last winter to the students. In your spare moments you may have time perhaps to look into it. I am also sending a dozen copies and shall be glad if there are any graduates of the University whom you meet who you think would care to read the book.



I suppose that sometimes you get over to London and have a chance of seeing Mrs. Mitchell. It is well that she is on that side of the water now that submarine trouble is so serious a matter.

With kind regards, I am,  
Yours sincerely,

President.

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March 11th, 1916

Lt.-Colonel C. H. Mitchell,  
Headquarters Staff,  
First Canadian Division.

My dear Colonel Mitchell:

I am very glad to see this morning that  
you have been given the French Legion of Honour, officers' rank.  
It is gratifying to you and to your friends that you have received  
this recognition. I hope that more will follow.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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June 5th, 1918

Lt.-Colonel C. H. Mitchell, D.S.O.,

Chief Intelligence Officer,

Canadian Expeditionary Force, France.

My dear Colonel:

It gives me great pleasure to be able so soon again to congratulate you on having been honoured for your work at the front. The D.S.O. along with your French Legion of Honour is a great distinction. I hope that you will be spared to come home soon wearing these honours. Please send my congratulations to Mrs. Mitchell?

I received your letter recently with the photographs of the maps. They are extremely interesting and I must thank you for them.

I am always pleased to hear from you. With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

